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November 12, 2003

Citation No. 03-04-0048

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INFORMAL CONFERENCE DECISION

It is the decision of the Executive Officer of the Physical Therapy Board of California to modify Citation Number 03-04-0048. This decision is based on the information obtained during the informal conference.

The Citation has been modified to specify the causes for citation of improper documentation which is a violation of supervision requirements contained in section 1398.44 of the Physical Therapy regulations. The amount of fine has been reduced to \$200.00.

If you wish to contest this decision, you must notify the Board by filing the attached "Notice of Appeal - Request for Administrative Hearing" within 10 business days after receipt of this decision.

If notified within the time allotted, the Executive Officer will arrange for a formal hearing before an administrative law judge. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. After the hearing, the Board shall issue the decision, prepared by the administrative law judge, based upon the findings of fact, affirming, modifying, or vacating the Citation, or directing other appropriate relief.

If you fail to notify the Executive Officer that you intend to contest the decision within the allotted time, the decision shall be deemed a final order and shall not be subject to further administrative review.

If you do not contest this decision, you must evidence abatement and pay any and all fines within 30 days after receipt of this decision.

November 12, 2003

Date

Original Signed By:

STEVEN K. HARTZELL
Executive Officer

**PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD OF CALIFORNIA****Consumer Protection Services Program**

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CITATION

Investigation of a recently submitted complaint has revealed actions taken by you which violate sections of the law regulating the practice of physical therapy.

On January 9, 2003 the Physical Therapy Board of California (PTBC), Consumer Protection Services (CPS), received a complaint regarding Patient A and on April 1, 2003, an expert consultant was asked to review the case. The information obtained determined that on or about March 26, 2003 through July 24, 2003 at S.T.A.R. Physical Therapy in Redwood City, California, Patient A received physical therapy care by you, Richard A. Eagleston, P.T., and Scott Campbell, PT. The review of the 41 daily notes lacked evidence of a weekly conference with, or cosignature of a supervising physical therapist.

This is a violation of supervision requirements contained in section 1398.44 of the Physical Therapy regulations.

The Citation issued to you in accordance with Section 125.9 of the Business and Professions Code for the violations described below.

FIRST CAUSE FOR CITATION

1. California Code of Regulations 1398.44

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ORDER

Further, **you are ordered to pay a fine of \$200.00** to the Physical Therapy Board of California within 30 days after receipt of this Citation.

Administrative Fine

\$ 200.00

FOR YOUR PROTECTION AND TO ASSURE PROPER CREDIT,
PLEASE RETURN THE COPY OF THE CITATION
AND NOTE THE CITATION NUMBER ON YOUR CHECK
OR MONEY ORDER.

November 12, 2003
Date

Original Signed By:

STEVEN K. HARTZELL
Executive Officer